



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE DIRECTOR

In re application of:)	Group Art Unit: 3683
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Petition under 37 CFR 1.181

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition to withdraw objection to the drawings in the above referenced application.

In the Office Action mailed on October 30, 2006, the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they do not show every feature of the invention specified in the claims.

A. Examiner's Objection

The Examiner contends that the push rod and shield recited in claim 10 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). Examiner notes that a shield 60 is shown, but no push rod is shown as described in the specification and as claimed.

B. Response to the objection

Pushrod/shield member, generally designated as 60, is first recited on page 12, line 7. On page 12, lines 18-20, the present invention recites that "This pushrod/shield 60 is

capable of movement in an outward direction upon actuation of the air spring 52 to initiate a braking sequence of the railway vehicle braking system". In FIG. 3 (attached herewith), shield is shown by portions 64, 66 and 76 and pushrod is shown by members 72 and 74 which are employed for connection to the linkage 14. As it is well known, during braking application, as pushrod/shield 60 moves in an outward direction, members 72 and 74 push the connected end of the linkage 14 in order to apply brakes.

Therefore, "pushrod" is shown in the drawings.

Attachment: Figure 3

Respectfully submitted,



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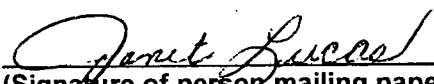
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